

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving at a messaging system in a network a message from a first user to a second user, wherein the message originates at a first node in ~~[[a]] the~~ network, is addressed to a second node in the network, and includes a request for input from the second user;

sending from the messaging system the message to the second node; and

if no indication is received at the messaging system to indicate that the second user has read the message, then sending the message from the messaging system to a target mobile device associated with the second user; ~~the target device not being connected to the network.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising associating at least one target mobile device with the second user.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein sending the message to the target mobile device comprises sending the message sequentially to each target mobile device in ~~[[the]] a~~ list of devices.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein sending the message sequentially to each target mobile device in the list of devices comprises setting the first target mobile device in the list as a current device and repeating:

sending the message to the current device; and

setting the next target mobile device on the list as the current device if no indication is received from the current device to indicate that the second user has read the message;

until the message has been sent to all target mobile devices in the list.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein sending the message to the target mobile device comprises first determining if the second user has any associated target mobile devices.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising waiting a time period before sending the message to the target mobile device.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising determining the time period based on an urgency of the message.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a response from the second user, and sending the response to the first user.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the message ~~comprising~~ includes an approval request, and the input from the second user ~~comprises~~ includes a response to the approval request.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising sending a notification to the first user if an indication is received to indicate that the second user has read the message.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising waiting for a response from the second user if an indication is received to indicate that the second user has read the message.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising formatting the message for the target mobile device based on the capabilities of the target mobile device, before sending a message.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a sequence of instructions which when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform a method comprising:

receiving a message from a first user to a second user, wherein the message originates at a first node in a network, is addressed to a second node in the network, and includes a request for input from the second user;

sending the message to the second node; and

if no indication is received by the processor to indicate that the second user has read the message, then sending the message to a target mobile device associated with the second user, ~~the target device not being connected to the network.~~

14. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the method further comprises associating at least one target mobile device with the second user.

15. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 14, wherein sending a message to the target mobile device comprises sending a message sequentially to each target mobile device in ~~[[the]]~~ a list of devices.

16. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 15, wherein sending a message sequentially to each target mobile device in the list of devices comprises setting the first target mobile device in the list as a current device and repeating:

 sending the message to the current device; and

 setting the next target mobile device on the list of devices as the current device if no indication is received from the current device to indicate that the second user has read the message;

 until the message has been sent to all target mobile devices in the list of devices.

17. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 13, wherein sending a message to the target mobile device comprises first determining if the second user has any associated target mobile devices.

18. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the method further comprises waiting a time period before sending the message to the target mobile device.

19. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the method further comprises determining the time period based on an urgency of the message.

20. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a processor;

a network card coupled to the processor to enable communications with one [[of]] or more networks; and

a memory coupled to the processor, the memory storing instructions which when executed by the processor, cause the system to perform a method comprising:

receiving a message from a first user to a second user, wherein the message originates at a first node in a network, is addressed to a second node in the network, and includes a request for input from the second user;

sending the message to the second node; and

if no indication is received by the system to indicate that the second user has read the message, then sending the message to a target mobile device associated with the second user; ~~the target device not being connected to the network.~~

21. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the method further comprises associating at least one target mobile device with the second user.

22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 21, wherein sending the message to the target mobile device comprises sending the message sequentially to each target mobile device in [[the]] a list of devices.

23. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 22, wherein sending the message sequentially to each target mobile device in the list of devices comprises setting the first target mobile device in the list as a current device and repeating:

 sending the message to the current device; and

 setting the next target mobile device on the list as the current device if no indication is received from the current device to indicate that the second user has read the message;

 until the message has been sent to all target mobile devices in the list.

24. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20, wherein sending the message to the target mobile device comprises first determining if the second user has any associated target mobile devices.

25. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the method further comprises waiting a time period before sending the message to the target mobile device.

26. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the method further comprises determining the time period based on an urgency of the message.
27. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the method further comprises receiving a response from the second user, and sending the response to the first user.
28. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the message comprises an approval request, and the input from the second user comprises a response to the approval request.
29. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the method further comprises sending a notification to the first user if an indication is received to indicate that the second user has read the message.
30. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the method further comprises inserting a document identifier into a message before sending it to the target mobile device.